

6. (Amended) The wood chipper safety device of claim 1, further comprising a second elongated structure positioned outside of and adjacent to the top of the infeed chute of the wood chipper, wherein the actuator is operably connected to the second elongated structure and wherein the second elongated structure is movable opposite a feed direction of the wood chipper between a plurality of positions.

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11. (Amended) A wood chipper safety device, comprising:

a first elongated structure positioned outside of and adjacent to a top of an infeed chute of a wood chipper, wherein the first elongated structure is movable radially towards an opening of the infeed chute between a plurality of positions;

a second elongated structure positioned outside of and adjacent to the top of the infeed chute of the wood chipper, wherein the second elongated structure is movable radially towards the opening of the infeed chute between a plurality of positions;

an actuator operably connected to the first elongated structure and the second elongated structure, the actuator having a plurality of operable positions corresponding to the plurality of positions of the first elongated structure and the plurality of positions of the second elongated structure; and

a linkage operably connecting the actuator to the first elongated structure and the second elongated structure.

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16. (Amended) A waste reducing device having a powered feed system, a powered cutting system, and an infeed chute, the waste reducing device comprising:

a first elongated structure positioned outside of and adjacent to a top of the infeed chute, wherein the first elongated structure is movable vertically downward between a plurality of positions; and

an actuator operably connected to the first elongated structure, the actuator having a plurality of operable positions corresponding to the plurality of positions of the first elongated structure.

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21. (Amended) The waste reducing device of claim 16, further comprising a second elongated structure positioned outside of and adjacent to the top of the infeed chute, wherein the actuator is operably connected to the second elongated structure and wherein the second elongated structure is movable opposite a feed direction of the waste reducing device between a plurality of positions.

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26. (Amended) A wood chipper having a powered feed system, a powered cutting system, and an infeed chute, the wood chipper comprising:

a first elongated structure positioned outside of and adjacent to a top of the infeed chute, wherein the first elongated structure is movable radially towards an opening of the infeed chute between a plurality of positions;

a second elongated structure positioned outside of and adjacent to the top of the infeed chute, wherein the second elongated structure is movable radially towards the opening of the infeed chute between a plurality of positions;

an actuator operably connected to the first elongated structure and the second elongated structure, the actuator having a plurality of operable positions corresponding to the plurality of